

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3419

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, RH, UNSC, NI  
SUBJECT: GARBA ATTACKS WESTERN FIVE SECURITY COUNCIL ABSTENTION

1. MEA COMMISSIONER GARBA HAS CONDEMNED THE WESTERN FIVE FOR THEIR SECURITY COUNCIL ABSTENTION ON THE AFRICAN SPONSORED RESOLUTION REJECTING THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. GARBA'S REMARKS WERE MADE AT AN AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON HIS RETURN TO LAGOS ON MARCH 15.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, GARBA SAID THE WESTER POSITION WAS AN OPEN CASE OF THE DOUBLE STANDARD. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS TO REVIVE THEIR OWN PLAN IF THEY CARED TO AND "IF IT STILL CONTAINS THE EXPECTED REASONABLE POINTS, NIGERIA MAY SHOW SOME INTEREST IN FURTHER PEACE INITIATIVES IN THE MATTER."

3. COMMENT: GARBA'S CONDEMNATION SHOULD BE VIEWED AS PRIMARILY  
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FOR LOCAL PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. MEA OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THEY WERE RELIEVED THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT IN FACT VETOED THE RESOLUTION. END COMMENT.  
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